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In re application of : Confirmation No. 6753
Seishi KATO et al. : Docket No. 2001_1102A
Serial No. 09/890,688 : Group Art Unit 1637
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HUMAN PROTEIN AND cDNA

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated February 19, 2003, the time for responding thereto being extended for five months in accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently herewith.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 2-6 and 8, with traverse.

The instant application is a U.S. national stage of an international application, and is thus subject to unity of invention restriction practice. There is unity of invention between all of claims 1-9 under international rules.

The Official Action also constitutes a requirement for an election of species.

Applicants elect the species of SEQ ID NO: 1 as the DNA and SEQ ID NO: 2 as the protein encoded by the DNA.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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